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Examiner: Mahmoud Fatahi Yar

For: APPARATUS FOR MANIPULATING AN OBJECT DISPLAYED ON A DISPLAY DEVICE  
BY USING A TOUCH SCREEN

**COMMUNICATION TO THE EXAMINER**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed February 12, 2001, the Examiner crossed out reference AM from the IDS filed May 2, 2000. Reference AM is an English abstract of a Japanese patent application that was cited in an EPO Search Report. Reference AM was properly submitted with the IDS filed May 2, 2000.

In the Office Action mailed February 12, 2001, the Examiner also crossed out reference AG from the IDS filed October 5, 1999. No English translation for reference AG was provided, but its relevance is properly explained in Attachment 1(e) of the IDS filed October 5, 1999.

The IDS filed on September 8, 1998 was not acknowledged in any Action in the record. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider this IDS.

The IDS filed on May 5, 1999 was also not acknowledged in any Action in the record. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider this IDS.

Copies of the IDSs, reference AM from the IDS filed May 2, 2000, reference AG from the IDS filed October 5, 1999 and the associated return postcards are included herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner:

(1) Acknowledge reference AM in the IDS filed May 2, 2000;



(2) Acknowledge reference AG in the IDS filed October 5, 1999;

(3) Acknowledge the IDS filed September 8, 1998; and

(4) Acknowledge the IDS filed May 5, 1999.

Since this application has been allowed, this matter is somewhat urgent and prompt consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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